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Sir:

## AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE AFTER NOTICE OF APPEAL

## Introductory Comments:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination, and is subsequent to filing a Notice of Appeal on October 21, 2008. This response, therefore, is due December 21/22, 2008 and is therefore deemed timely filed.

Please enter the amendments and consider the remarks as follows.

Amendments to the Specification are not being made at this time.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.